

Rapid Resolution RPG

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A quick-play option for fantasy scenarios.

Character creation:

Choose a background: Aristocrat, Merchant, Professional, Labourer or Soldier. A character will have the relevant tools and training for their background, plus a home or business, friends, enemies and responsibilities.

All characters contribute in combat (in one way or another). In addition choose either Knowledge, Diplomacy or Thievery as a secondary skill. A character can choose whether their skills are magical or mundane but it doesn't affect the result.

Encounter resolution:

Each character taking part rolls 1d6 and applies any penalties. If it's not Combat or your secondary skill then the roll is at -2. A character only rolls once per encounter to see how they fared.

| <i>Result</i> | <i>Combat</i> | <i>Knowledge</i> | <i>Diplomacy</i> | <i>Thievery</i> | <i>Outcome</i> |
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| 5-6 | | | | | Success |
| 2-4 | | | | | Varies |
| 1 | Wounded | Frustrated | Embarrassed | Stressed | Fail, -1 penalty on future rolls |
| 0 | Crippled | Confused | Humiliated | Jittery | Fail, -2 penalty on future rolls |
| -1 | Dead | Wrong! | Fight! | Whoops! | Fail with consequences |

Penalties stack and last for the rest of the day.

If *all* characters taking part in the encounter fail then they suffer the consequences. If at least one character succeeds and no consequences interfere then the party was successful.